

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method, comprising:
receiving a search query;
determining whether the received search query includes an entity name;
determining whether the entity name corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases;
rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier that restricts a search based on the rewritten search query to a domain associated with the entity name when the entity name is determined not to correspond to one of the common words or phrases;
performing a search based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results when the received search query is rewritten; and
presenting the search results when the search is performed based on the rewritten search query.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing a link to the received search query when the search is performed based on the rewritten search query.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
receiving selection of the link to the received search query; and
performing a search based on the received search query in response to the
selection of the link to the received search query.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
performing a search based on the received search query when the entity name is
determined to correspond to one of the common words or phrases; and
providing a link to the rewritten search query when the search is performed based
on the received search query.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
receiving selection of the link to the rewritten search query; and
performing a search based on the rewritten search query in response to the
selection of the link to the rewritten search query.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether a word near the entity name in the received search query
forms a common phrase with the entity name; and
performing a search based on the received search query when it is determined that
a word near the entity name forms a common phrase with the entity name.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the entity name corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:
comparing the entity name to a dictionary of words or phrases.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the entity name corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:
using an inverse document frequency weighting technique or a linguistic modeling technique to identify whether the entity name corresponds to one of the common words or phrases.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the entity name corresponds to one of the common words or phrases comprises:
generating a table of entity names that correspond to the common words or phrases, and
determining whether the entity name corresponds to one of the common words or phrases based on the table.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether the received search query includes an entity name comprises:
identifying a plurality of variations of a plurality of entity names, and

determining whether the received search query includes one of the variations of the entity names.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
automatically searching based on the received search query when the entity name is determined to correspond to one of the common words or phrases.

13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A system, comprising:
means for receiving a search query;
means for determining whether the received search query includes an entity name;
means for determining whether the entity name corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases;
means for rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier that identifies a particular domain associated with the entity name when it is determined that the entity name does not correspond to one of the common words or phrases;
means for performing a search within the particular domain based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results when the received search query is rewritten; and
means for providing the search results when the search within the particular domain is performed.

15. (original) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for providing a link to the received search query.

16. (previously presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving selection of the link to the received search query; and

means for performing a search based on the received search query in response to
the selection of the link to the received search query.

17-21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) A method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

determining whether the received search query includes an entity name;

determining whether the entity name corresponds to one of a plurality of common
words or phrases;

when the entity name corresponds to one of the common words or phrases,

generating a link to a rewritten query,

performing a search based on the received search query to obtain first
search results, and

providing the first search results and the link to the rewritten query; and

when the entity name does not correspond to one of the common words or
phrases,

rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier that identifies a particular domain associated with the entity name,
generating a link to the received search query,
performing a search for documents within the particular domain based on the rewritten search query to obtain second search results, and
providing the second search results and the link to the received search query.

23. (new) A system, comprising:

a memory to store instructions; and

a processor to execute the instructions in the memory to:

receive a search query,

determine that the received search query includes an entity name,

determine that the entity name does not correspond to one of a plurality of common words or phrases,

rewrite the received search query to include a restrict identifier that restricts a search based on the rewritten search query to a domain associated with the entity name when the entity name is determined not to correspond to one of the common words or phrases,

perform a search based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results when the received search query is rewritten, and

present the search results when the search is performed based on the rewritten search query.

24. (new) The system of claim 23, where the processor is further configured to:

determine whether a word near the entity name in the received search query forms a common phrase with the entity name, and

perform a search based on the received search query when it is determined that a word near the entity name forms a common phrase with the entity name.

25. (new) The system of claim 23, where when determining that the received search query includes an entity name, the processor is configured to:

identify a plurality of variations of a plurality of entity names, and
determine that the received search query includes one of the variations of the entity names.

26. (new) A computer-readable memory device that stores computer-executable instructions, the computer-readable memory device comprising:

one or more instructions to receive a search query;
one or more instructions to determine that the received search query includes an entity name;
one or more instructions to determine whether the entity name corresponds to one of a plurality of common words or phrases;
one or more instructions to rewrite the received search query to include a restrict identifier that restricts a search based on the rewritten search query to a domain

associated with the entity name when the entity name is determined not to correspond to one of the common words or phrases;

one or more instructions to perform a search based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results when the received search query is rewritten; and

one or more instructions to present the search results when the search is performed based on the rewritten search query.

27. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 26, further comprising:

one or more instructions to provide a link to the received search query when the search is performed based on the rewritten search query.

28. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 27, further comprising:

one or more instructions to receive selection of the link to the received search query; and

one or more instructions to perform a search based on the received search query in response to the selection of the link to the received search query.

29. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 26, further comprising:

one or more instructions to perform a search based on the received search query when the entity name is determined to correspond to one of the common words or phrases; and

one or more instructions to provide a link to the rewritten search query when the search is performed based on the received search query.

30. (new) The computer-readable memory device of claim 29, further comprising:

one or more instructions to receive selection of the link to the rewritten search query; and

one or more instructions to perform a search based on the rewritten search query in response to the selection of the link to the rewritten search query.